

TASMANIAN FIELD NATURALISTS CLUB.....BULLETIN.

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The Tasmanian Field Naturalists Club is devoted to the study of all forms of natural history, and is comprised of both experts and beginners in a wide variety of fields. Our secondary aim is to encourage conservation. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month (excluding January) at 7.45 pm in the CSIRO Conference Room, Stowell Ave, Battery Point. (See map over) Outings are held at the specified times the following weekend (usually Saturday), with members congregating outside the Prince Theatre.

At the March AGM the following office-bearers were elected;

PRESIDENT. Mr Harry Burton, 1 Mary St., N. Hobart. Ph 347591

VICE PRESIDENTS (2); Mr Don Hird, 17 Union St., W. Hobart.

Mrs M Mollison, 22 Toorak Ave, Lenah Valley.

HONORARY SECRETARY. Mrs C McQuillan, 10 Ord Ct, Mt Nelson. Ph 233262.

HON. TREASURER. Mr P. Mc Quillan (as above)

HON. ASSIST. SECRETARY. (Bulletin) Mrs Maria Grist.

COMMITTEE. Miss H Davidson(Librarian), Mr John Grist, Mr G Page, Mrs N Page, Dr David Ratkowsky (Editor, Tasmanian Naturalist), and Mrs M Wall.

FORWARD PROGRAMME.

MAY. Thursday, May 2nd. Bob Ellis will talk on Forst Succession in the North East Highlands.

Saturday, May 4th. 9.30 (note time). Bob will show us forests in the Picton Valley. Lunch; Tahune Picnic area.

JUNE. Thursday, June 6th. Jocelyne Hughes will speak on aquatic plants.

Saturday, June 8th. 10 am. Jocelyne will take us to the Coal River - Jordan River area.

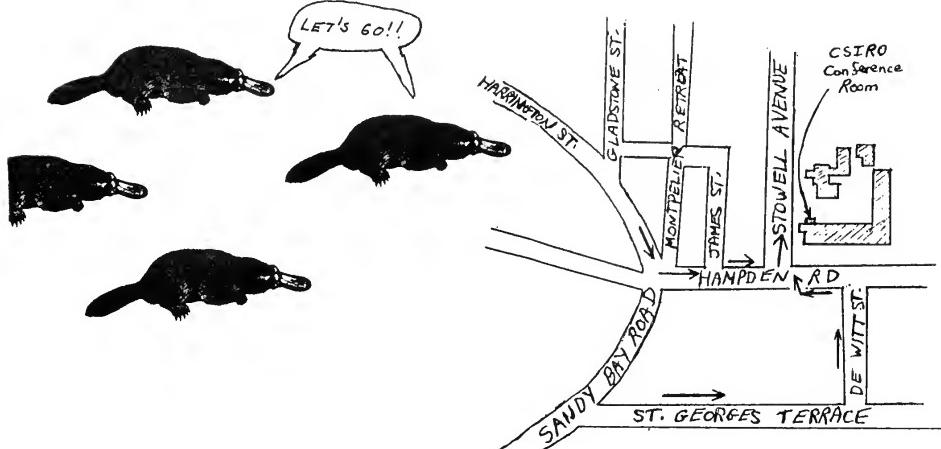
JULY. Thursday, July 4th. Colin Stahel and Rosemary Gales from Tas Uni will give a Summary and Current Research on the Fairy (Little) Penguin. Saturday, July 6th. Penguin Habitat; Marion Bay. The time of departure will be settled at meeting. Ring Maria (282109) or other Committee members if you missed the arrangements.

SUBSCRIPTION FEES. Those who have not yet paid for 1985 are reminded of our current rates. \$8.00 is taken from each member's payment and put towards the Tasmanian Naturalist.

Adult; \$13.00. Family; \$16.00. Pensioner(i.e. holder of Commonwealth pension card or Health card); \$8.00.

Junior(under 16); \$8.00. Sub. to Tasmanian Naturalist(non members; \$8.00. Institutions & Libraries; \$16.00.

CHANGE OF VENUE. The sharper-eyed among you will already have noticed that we will be changing our venue again as from the May meeting. This change (to the CSIRO Conference Room, Stowell Ave, Battery Pt) is due to a number of factors, not the least of which is the introduction of a \$20.00 fee for meetings at the STTC, our present venue. The library has already been moved and members may have access at any time during office hours by enquiring at the reception desk of the CSIRO. The conference room is quite comfortable and has many facilities which could be useful to the Club. Thanks to David Ratkowsky for making it available to us. The starting time for meetings will remain at 7.45 pm.



Recently holidaying at St Helens, John and I were pleased early one morning (15.2.1985) to see, on Steiglitz Beach, our first Royal Spoonbill. The bird was pure white with an unmistakable black bill and black legs; it was standing right at the water's edge. When we approached to about 50 metres it flew off. On the same day at Blue Tier our son Joseph found two shells from the Launceston Land snail. It is about the size of a garden snail but flattish, with a beautiful yellow stripe underneath. What have you found recently?